

In the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating biometric security in a smartcard transaction system comprising:

receiving a ~~proffering~~ proffered a biometric ~~at to~~ a biometric sensor ~~communicating with said system~~ configured on a smartcard to form a proffered biometric sample;

~~initiating to initiate~~ verification of a said proffered biometric sample, wherein said proffered biometric sample is associated with at least two accounts, wherein each of said at least two accounts includes at least one of: a charge card account, a credit card account, a debit card account, a savings account, a private label account and a loyalty point account; and

~~for~~ facilitating authorization of a smartcard transaction using at least one of said at least two accounts.

2. (Currently Amended) The method for of claim 1, further comprising registering at least one said proffered biometric sample with an authorized sample receiver.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of registering further includes at least one of: contacting said authorized sample receiver, proffering said proffered a biometric sample to said authorized sample receiver, ~~processing said biometric to obtain a biometric sample,~~ associating said proffered biometric sample with user information, verifying said proffered biometric sample, and storing said proffered biometric sample upon verification.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~proffering~~ receiving a said proffered biometric further includes ~~to a biometric sensor communicating with said system to initiate~~ at least one of: storing, comparing, and verifying said proffered biometric sample.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~proffering~~ receiving a said proffered biometric ~~to a biometric sensor communicating with said system to initiate verification~~ further includes processing database information, wherein said database information

is contained in at least one of a said smartcard, a smartcard reader, said biometric sensor, a remote server, a merchant server and said smartcard system.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~proffering receiving a~~ said proffered biometric ~~to a biometric sensor communicating with said system to initiate~~ verification further includes comparing a said proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said step of comparing includes comparing a said proffered biometric sample to a said stored biometric sample by using at least one of a third-party security vendor device and a local CPU.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~proffering receiving a~~ said proffered biometric ~~to a biometric sensor communicating with said system to initiate~~ verification further includes at least one of detecting, processing and storing ~~at least one~~ a second proffered biometric sample.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of initiating verification of said proffered biometric sample ~~proffering a to a biometric sensor communicating with said system to initiate verification~~ further includes ~~the use~~ using of ~~at least one~~ a secondary security procedure, said secondary security procedure including sending a signal to said smartcard to notify that an established rule for said smartcard is being violated.

10. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said proffered biometric at said biometric sensor includes receiving said proffered biometric at at least one of a: a retinal scan sensor, an iris scan sensor, a fingerprint sensor, a hand print sensor, a hand geometry sensor, a voice print sensor, a vascular sensor, a facial sensor, an ear sensor, a signature sensor, a keystroke sensor, an olfactory sensor, an auditory emissions sensor, and a DNA sensor.

11. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of initiating verification of said proffered biometric sample includes verifying whether said proffered biometric sample is associated with a preset transaction limit on at least one of: said charge card account, said credit card account, said debit card account, said savings account, said private label account and said loyalty point account.

12. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least two accounts are unassociated accounts.